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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docker No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

My name is Phil Brennan and Im the CEO of Echogen, an innovative waste heat recovery business headquartered in Akron, Ohio. We have been a long term customer of competitive telecom company First Communications. First Communications provided us innovative voice and data solutions on DS1 connections. As we grew they recently upgraded us to a 200MB fixed wireless connection. Allowing us to grow with our broadband needs was very important for a small business like us and they provided us a level of service ATT could not. We understand ATT and Verizon are asking the FCC to increase the costs to competitive telecom companies and take them out of business. Please stop this request as companies like First Communications are critical to the competitive environment in cities like Akron, Ohio.